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# Veterans Coalition Foundation

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## A RECENT SUCCESS

- 1. Feed the Hungry:**  
Partnering with organizations like Humana, Piedmont Church, and Atlanta Food Bank, we have provided nutrition to over 300 veterans and their families in Marietta, GA.
- 2. Scholarships Program:**  
Awarded \$500 scholarships to 12 outstanding JROTC students, promoting educational opportunities for the next generation.
- 3. Winter Coats to the Needy:** Distributed over 1200 winter coats to homeless shelters, schools, and community partnerships, addressing the immediate needs of those less fortunate.

## Mission Statement: More Than a Foundation, a Movement

At Veterans Coalition Inc, we are not just a foundation; we are a movement dedicated to ensuring veterans and their communities thrive. Our mission is to provide support, resources, and opportunities that empower veterans to lead fulfilling lives beyond their service to our nation.

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*By answering the Veterans Coalition" Call to Duty", you become an integral part of a community-driven initiative to make a positive impact on the lives of those who have served our nation. Together, we can create a supportive and thriving environment for veterans in the Great State of Georgia*

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## Partners of the Month:

In this section, we shine a spotlight on the incredible organizations and individuals who have joined us in our



mission. Their collaboration and support play a crucial role in helping us make a lasting impact.

## **Axxess Benefits Consultants - Nurturing Veterans' Well-being**

We are delighted to spotlight our partnership with Axxess Benefits Consultants, a dedicated ally in our mission to help veterans thrive by providing essential life, health insurance, and long-term care solutions. Axxess Benefits Consultants is committed to ensuring veterans receive the support they need for a secure and prosperous future.

### **About Axxess Benefits Consultants**

Axxess Benefits Consultants specializes in comprehensive benefits solutions, with a focus on life insurance, health insurance, and long-term care planning. Their expertise and commitment extend to our veteran community, where they play a crucial role in safeguarding the well-being of those who have served our nation.

#### **Contributions to Veterans' Well-being**

Axxess Benefits Consultants contributes to veterans' well-being by offering:

- **Tailored Insurance Solutions:** Axxess provides veterans with personalized life insurance, health insurance, and long-term care plans designed to meet their unique needs and circumstances.
- **Educational Workshops:** The team at Axxess conducts educational workshops to empower veterans with knowledge about insurance options, ensuring they can make informed decisions for their future.
- **Advocacy and Support:** Axxess is a dedicated advocate for veterans, offering ongoing support to navigate the complexities of insurance and long-term care planning.

## **Diamond Amusements - Bringing Joy to Veterans' Lives**

**About Diamond Amusements:** Diamond Amusements has been an outstanding partner, bringing joy and entertainment to the lives of veterans. Their commitment to creating positive experiences aligns seamlessly with our mission. From special events to interactive activities, Diamond Amusements plays a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for veterans.

#### **Contributions to Veterans' Well-being:**

- Special Events and Entertainment
- Interactive Activities for Veterans

#### **Collaborative Initiatives:**

- Veteran Appreciation Day Events
- Recreational Activities for Veterans

**How You Can Get Involved:** Participate in the special events and activities organized by Diamond Amusements to create memorable experiences for veterans.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Axxess Benefits Consultants and Diamond Amusements for being the Partners of the Month. Your unwavering commitment and contributions are making a significant impact on the lives of those who have served our nation.

## **PAST EVENTS: "HONORING HEROES: ATLANTA VA MEDICAL CENTER RENAMING CEREMONY"**



September 8 2023

**Guest Speakers:** Renowned personalities and dignitaries will share inspiring words about the significance of this renaming and the continued commitment to our veterans.



Senator Warnock renaming of Veteran Facility



Senator Olsof

Recap the successful events and initiatives that took place in the past month. Share photos, testimonials, and highlights to showcase the positive outcomes of our collect

## **Resources**

# **Georgia Military and Veterans Benefits**

**State Taxes**

**Education Benefits**

## **Employment Benefits**

## **Unemployment Insurance**

## **Department of Driver Services (DDS) Benefits**

## **Health Insurance Benefits**

## **Parks and Recreation Benefits**

## **Miscellaneous Benefits**

## **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Facilities in Georgia**

## **Georgia Military Resource Locator**

## **Resources**

**Summary of Georgia Military and Veterans Benefits:** Georgia offers special benefits for Service members, Veterans and their Families including property tax exemptions, state employment preferences, education and tuition assistance, free driver's licenses, vehicle tags, nursing home care for war Veterans, as well as hunting and fishing license privileges. Eligibility for some benefits may depend on residency, military component and Veteran disability status.

**Georgia Department of Veterans Service, Veteran Field Service Offices:** The Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS), Veteran Field Service Offices (VSO) assists Veterans, retired Service members and their Families find and apply for Veterans benefits under federal, state and local laws.

[GDVS, Veteran Field Service Offices Directory](#)

[Learn more about the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, Veteran Field Service Offices](#)

ATLANTA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

# VETERAN TOWN HALL

Saturday, January 27, 2024

9 - 11 a.m.

Joseph Maxwell Cleland AVAMC

1670 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033

Pete Wheeler Auditorium

Join the event by calling:

872.701.0185; Code: 569 063 827#

for more: [VA.gov/atlanta-health-care/events/](https://va.gov/atlanta-health-care/events/)

Your  
Voice Counts,  
Be Heard!



Our goal is to ensure veterans have easy access to the support they need.



## PODCAST





**"Tune In for Veterans Corner with Veteran Jenn: Your Hub for Resources and Events"**

 **Attention Veterans and Supporters!**




Are you ready to stay informed, inspired, and connected? Tune in to "Veterans Corner with Veteran Jenn," your go-to source for all things veteran-related. Hosted by the passionate and dedicated Veteran Jenn, this podcast is your hub for valuable resources, insightful discussions, and upcoming events in the veteran community.

**What to Expect:**






-  **Expert Interviews:** Engage with experts, professionals, and fellow veterans who share their insights, experiences, and valuable information.
-  **Event Highlights:** Stay updated on upcoming veteran events, community engagements, and initiatives that matter to you.
-  **Resource Spotlights:** Discover essential resources, programs, and opportunities available to veterans.
-  **Community Connection:** Connect with like-minded individuals, organizations, and support networks that make a difference in the lives of veterans.

### How to Tune In:

-  **Podcast Platforms:** Available on major podcast platforms such as [list platforms where the podcast is hosted].
-  **Website:** Visit [www.vcfusa.org](http://www.vcfusa.org) for additional content, show notes, and to connect with the Veterans Corner community.
-  **Social Media:** Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube] for real-time updates, discussions, and community engagement.

### Join us on this Journey:

-  **Subscribe:** Don't miss an episode! Subscribe to "Veterans Corner with Veteran Jenn" on your favorite podcast platform.
-  **Mark Your Calendar:** Stay tuned for regular episodes featuring compelling stories, important updates, and valuable insights.
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Tune in, stay connected, and be part of a community dedicated to supporting our veterans. "Veterans Corner with Veteran Jenn" is more than a podcast; it's a platform for empowerment, knowledge, and camaraderie.

 Let's make a difference together! #VeteransCorner #VeteranSupport #TuneInForChange







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
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## Subscriptions, Donations, Job Postings

Support our cause by subscribing to our newsletter, making a donation, or exploring job opportunities within our network. Your contributions play a vital role in helping us continue our mission.

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## Message from the President - Joel Willis

### A Message from President Joel Willis: Unveiling Our Mission and Legislative Vision

Dear Veterans Coalition Foundation Inc Community,

I am honored to address you today as we reflect on the mission of our foundation and cast our vision for future legislative measures that will shape the lives of our veterans and their families.

Our mission at Veterans Coalition Foundation Inc is simple yet profound: "Helping Veterans Thrive." This mission is not just a statement; it is a commitment that resonates with each member of our coalition, each partner, and every individual who believes in the importance of supporting those who have served our nation.

As we navigate the path ahead, our vision for legislative measures is clear. We recognize the need for a robust and ever-present legislative voice at the Capitol to advocate for the concerns that profoundly impact the lives of veterans within the Great State of Georgia. It's time for our veterans to have a voice that echoes through the halls of power, ensuring that their needs are not only heard but acted upon.

Year after year, we have witnessed legislation meant to enhance the quality of veterans' lives wither away in committees, never seeing the light of an "Up or Down" vote on the House or Senate floor. Our institutions, such as "The Georgia State Veterans Service Centers," face threats of defunding and closure. This, we believe, is due to a lack of reporting on the outcomes of legislative activities surrounding veterans' legislation.

At Veterans Coalition Foundation Inc, unburdened by the restrictions of a "Congressional Charter," we aspire to be the collective voice for all Georgia veterans. By bringing all Georgia Veterans Service Organizations into our coalition, we unite voices—both large and small—in a powerful chorus advocating for the well-being of our veterans. Our capital is the collective voting strength of our organization's membership, currently standing at 1.8 million members in the State of Georgia.

We envision a future where our elected officials are held accountable for their support, or lack thereof, for veterans' legislation. A future where reporting mechanisms shed light on how legislators have voted on critical veteran issues. This transparency empowers our members to make informed decisions and ensures that the sacrifices of our veterans are never overlooked.

Our accomplishments to date, from feeding the hungry and providing scholarships to distributing winter coats to the needy, showcase the tangible impact we can make when we stand together. We have engaged with communities across Fulton, Clayton, Henry, Cobb, Fayette, Cherokee, and Gwinnett counties, forging connections and addressing the unique concerns of each veterans' community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming newsletter reaching over 1.2 million subscribers through Military Groups on various platforms. Our podcast, "Veterans Corner with Veteran Jenn," and partnerships with organizations like Humana and Piedmont Church underscore our commitment to expanding our reach and influence.

In conclusion, let us embark on this journey together. As President of Veterans Coalition Foundation Inc, I am inspired by the dedication of our community, partners, and every individual who believes in the power of collective action. Together, we will continue to advocate, support, and ensure that our veterans not only survive but thrive.

Thank you for being part of this noble mission.

Sincerely,

Joel Willis President, Veterans Coalition Foundation Inc

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## Projects

Get an inside look at the ongoing projects and initiatives led by Veterans Coalition Inc. Your involvement could make a significant difference in these impactful ventures.

Upcoming Veterans Community Health Fair April 4, 2024 from 11:00am – 1:00pm

Feed the Hungry Piedmont Church (TBD)

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## ***Veteran Affairs Bulletin***

**this section, we provide important updates and information related to veteran affairs, policy changes, and resources that directly impact the veteran community.**

### **[The state of homelessness among women Veterans in 2023](#)**

**VA has made strides in reducing and preventing homelessness among women Veterans but there is still much work to do.**

### **[2023: End-of-year Veteran benefits update](#)**

**Veterans have applied for benefits at record rates over the past year. As a result of your applications, VA has been able to deliver more earned benefits to more Veterans than ever before, including \$150 billion during 2023 alone.**

## **A Moment in Military History**

Celebrate the rich history of our military with a captivating story or fact from the past. It's a moment to reflect on the sacrifices and achievements that have shaped our nation.

### **Library of Congress Veterans History Project**

The Veterans History Project commemorates the life of Roger Donlon, the first Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War, who passed away on January 25th at the age of 89. Col. Donlon served admirably in Vietnam as commanding officer of a U.S. Special Forces detachment, earning the Medal of Honor for his defense of Camp Nam Dong in July 1964. He went on to serve in various parts of the world before retiring from military service in 1988. We are grateful to have received Col. Donlon's incredible oral history which you can listen to, in full, here: <https://www.loc.gov/item/afc2001001.89670/?loclr=fbvhp>





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## **CONCLUSION: JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY!**

**AS WE STAND UNITED IN OUR MISSION TO SUPPORT AND UPLIFT OUR VETERANS, I INVITE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE VETERANS COALITION FOUNDATION INC COMMUNITY. OUR COMMITMENT TO "HELPING VETERANS THRIVE" GOES BEYOND WORDS—IT REQUIRES THE COLLECTIVE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

## **HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE:**

- 1. SUBSCRIBE: STAY INFORMED BY SUBSCRIBING TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. BE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE UPDATES, STORIES, AND VALUABLE INSIGHTS DIRECTLY INTO YOUR INBOX.**
- 2. SPREAD THE WORD: TELL A FRIEND, A COLLEAGUE, A FAMILY MEMBER—SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT VETERANS COALITION FOUNDATION INC. TOGETHER, WE AMPLIFY OUR IMPACT.**
- 3. DONATE: YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR INITIATIVES, PROGRAMS, AND THE VITAL WORK WE DO FOR OUR VETERANS.**
- 4. GET INVOLVED: JOIN US IN COMMUNITY EVENTS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND INITIATIVES THAT ALIGN WITH OUR MISSION. YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FUELS OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS.**

## **NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 📧 MONTHLY UPDATES: OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE A MONTHLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION, KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP ABOUT ALL THE HAPPENINGS, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.**
- 🗣️ EXCLUSIVE CONTENT: DIVE DEEPER INTO VETERAN STORIES, LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES INSIGHTS THROUGH OUR EXCLUSIVE NEWSLETTER CONTENT.**
- 🚀 BE INFORMED: STAY TUNED FOR ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED RIGHT HERE. THE NEWSLETTER IS YOUR GATEWAY TO STAYING CONNECTED WITH OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY.**

**HAVE AN EVENT? LET US KNOW: PLANNING AN EVENT THAT SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS OR ALIGNS WITH OUR MISSION? WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT! NOTIFY US, AND WE'LL HELP SPREAD THE WORD THROUGH OUR CHANNELS, AMPLIFYING THE IMPACT OF YOUR INITIATIVES.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CAUSE. TOGETHER, WE WILL CREATE A FUTURE WHERE VETERANS NOT ONLY SURVIVE BUT THRIVE. SUBSCRIBE, TELL A FRIEND, DONATE, AND GET INVOLVED. YOUR SUPPORT MAKES OUR MISSION POSSIBLE.**

**HERE'S TO A FUTURE OF UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR OUR HEROES!**

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**"Boots on the Ground: Marching  
Together for Veteran Support"**

**HAVE MORE TO SAY?**

Sure, this is a newsletter, not a novel—and you want to keep it short and sweet to keep your reader's attention. But if you need a bit more space, we've got you covered...

To add another page, just click in the last sentence of the sample story above this one and then press Ctrl+Enter.

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